



## Ralph Elden Welliver

September 5, 1934 - October 26, 2019

Ralph Elden Welliver of Cadillac passed away Saturday morning, October 26, 2019 at his home. He was 85.

Ralph was born on September 5, 1934 in Wayne County, Michigan.

When he was 12, his family moved up north and built a log home, store, and gas station, Welliver's Sunoco Station. Ralph graduated from Marion High School in 1952. He worked at General Motors in Flint for 13 years before moving North to buy and operate Welliver's Sunoco Service for several years. He had been employed at Garn Glass, Delfield Corporation, Northwood Heat Treat. Ralph later retired from Cadillac Area Public Schools. He attended Independent Bible Church in Cadillac.

Ralph and his wife, Evelyn loved their home and took great care in gardening and landscaping together. He was a jack of all trades and had the ability to fix, preserve and reuse anything. Ralph loved showcasing their home and spending time with family and friends. One of his favorite fall traditions was deer camp with his sons and grandsons. He enjoyed hunting but loved the time together most. Ralph also enjoyed his many dogs though the years.

On December 5, 1953 in Cadillac he married the Evelyn L. Merritt, they enjoyed almost 66 years of marriage. She survives him along with their

children: Rodney (Jodie) Welliver, David Welliver, Pamela Welliver, Bruce (Kimberly) Welliver, all of Cadillac; grandchildren: Elizabeth, Christopher, Jennifer, Joshua, Jaclyn, Cory, Victoria, David, Brian, Kaitlin, Jacob, Luke, Paige; great-grandchildren: Taylor, Chloe, Levi, Eliza, Skylar, Gabby, Bryson, Rylee, and Mary.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Edward & Hazel (Waite) Welliver; a step-brother, Robert Waite as well as grandson, Chad.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday October 30, 2019 at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac with Pastor Nate Walker officiating. Burial will be at Sherman Township Cemetery in Osceola County. Friends may meet the family from 1:00 to 3:00 and 5:00 to -7:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Independent Bible Church. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

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# Tribute Wall

JT

“ I think about you everyday and remember the promise I made to you. You will forever be missed. Love you Grandpa!

Jenni Thompson - November 08, 2019 at 11:17 AM

PW

“ Thank you to all the dear friends and family who posted here, and to those who came to the funeral home! Your thoughts and prayers are to be treasured!

Pamela Welliver - November 07, 2019 at 08:46 AM

RH

“ Our deepest condolences to Elden's family. He will be greatly missed. We will always remember him for his gentle kindness and sincerity. Prayers for his eternal rest.

Randy and Diane Hamilton - October 31, 2019 at 06:42 AM

JW

“ Grandpa, you taught me a lot about life and how to become man. We had many great adventures together. I learned a lot from you. I will never forget the lessons that you taught me. I truly love you and we miss you. We will see each other again.

Jake Welliver - October 30, 2019 at 05:28 PM

EM

“ One could always count on a smile and a joke or humorous quip. He will be missed. My sincerest sympathy. Peace and Blessings to all the family.

ELSIE MOORE - October 29, 2019 at 06:48 PM

TC

“ We would like to offer our deepest condolence to the Welliver family, we are so very sorry for your loss, may all your special moments & events shared with Ralph help give you some comfort going forward.

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**Terry & Dorothy Clark** - October 28, 2019 at 05:51 PM

CW

“ Oh grandpa how u will be missed. But am thankful for the time we had together thru life and makes me happy to know u are no longer in pain. Please help guide us thru these rough times because you are now our new guardian angel....until we meet again....I love u grandpa.

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**Christopher Welliver** - October 28, 2019 at 02:35 PM

MM

“ My deepest sympathy to Evelyn & the family. I' m so very sorry for your loss. Elden was a very loving person to family & friends. I' m so proud to have called him friend. Rest in Peace.

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**Mary McCrimmon** - October 28, 2019 at 01:47 PM

DM

“ We lost a great man when Uncle Elden left this world.He will be greatly missed.Love you Uncle Elden.

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**Dianne W Merritt** - October 28, 2019 at 07:01 AM

BC

“ Our condolences to the family and friends of Ralph Elden. We have fond and loving memories of our cousin " Elden" .

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**Betty Burke and Shirley Campbell** - October 28, 2019 at 06:04 AM

JW

“ Dad there are no words for the loss we feel. You were my coffee Buddyas we sat in our dining room watching and waiting for the deer. I enjoyed that so much and cherish the stories you shared with me. I sure will miss that. Thank you for loving me and being such a great Father-in-law. Love you Dad bunches and oodles. Jodie

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**Jodie Welliver** - October 27, 2019 at 10:05 PM

DH

“ Praying for you all.

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**Doretha Hall** - October 27, 2019 at 02:51 PM

KK

“ I'm so sorry I missed you grandpa in your final days... I wanted to tell you how much you meant to me growing up, seeing you after school when you used to work there and your never-ending kindness and love. I'll miss you and see you again in heaven some day.

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**Kaitlin Koshiba** - October 27, 2019 at 02:42 PM

WH

“ My heart goes out to your family!

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**Wendy Lee Hilliker** - October 27, 2019 at 06:01 AM

SS

“ Rodney and Jodie,  
We know your hearts are heavy, but we pray God comfort you and  
give you peace during this time of great loss.  
Love,  
Scott and Julie

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**Scott and Julie Siebarth** - October 27, 2019 at 04:27 AM

MW

“ We will miss all the wonderful stories Ralph would tell. He was a  
kind and caring man, who loved his family and friends. We treasure  
his friendship.

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**Mike and Dalene Wilkinson** - October 26, 2019 at 09:24 PM

RW

“ Dad...I will miss our time together, the talks, the stories, the laughs  
and just enjoying each other's  
company. Thank you for always being there for me from a child  
until today when you left for even a better place. Your words of  
encouragement, praise, coaching, guidance, and love will always be  
cherished. I love you Dad, thank you.

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**Rodney Welliver** - October 26, 2019 at 08:14 PM

JW

“ Grandpa, it's  
heart breaking to see you gone but I know your pain free and in  
peace now you will never be forgotten for all your Superman ways.  
Love you and rest easy. Joshua

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**Joshua Welliver** - October 26, 2019 at 07:21 PM

JO

“ So sorry about your loss. Have many good memories with Eldfon and Ev.

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**John and Bev orvis** - October 26, 2019 at 07:05 PM

LS

“ So wish we could be there with you to give you comfort and Peace. Give you hugs next summer.

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**Larry and Sandi** - October 26, 2019 at 06:38 PM

DP

“ My love to the family. Uncle Elden was a great man and will be missed. Love you all.

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**Darlene Merritt Poggioli** - October 26, 2019 at 05:01 PM